



**NEWS FROM:
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DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS**



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MAINTENANCE VEHICLE STRIKES MAN ON BEACH

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. – November 4, 2016 – A beach maintenance vehicle struck and injured a man on Venice Beach today.

The victim, in his early 50's, was taken to UCLA Medical Center in Westwood following the incident that occurred shortly before 9 a.m. on the beach near Rose Avenue. The victim, who was alert and oriented, complained of lower back pain.

The driver of the vehicle, a grounds maintenance worker with the Department for more than 15 years, had finished cleaning the Rose Avenue parking lot with a cleaning crew and was proceeding south along the beach near the bike path when he was flagged down by a beach patron about another maintenance need. As he turned the vehicle to respond to the new call, one of the maintenance pick-up truck's wheels struck the victim, who was reclining on the beach with a blanket.

Los Angeles County Fire Department lifeguards and Los Angeles City Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene to treat the victim. The Los Angeles Police Department also responded and interviewed the driver, who was later released. The Department of Beaches and Harbors will continue to review the incident.

The Department of Beaches and Harbors is responsible for the maintenance of all County-owned and operated beaches, which stretch from Nicholas Canyon in Malibu to Point Fermin in San Pedro.

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